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College of architecture at Guwahati

1187. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up a college of architecture in Guwahati, Assam;
 - (b) if sc, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such an institute is also proposed to be set up in Orissa to bridge the gap in higher educational facilities in this State; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Central Government has no proposal to set up a College of Architecture in Guwahati, Assam.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

IIIT in Orissa

1188. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Orissa has made a request to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for establishment of an Indian Institute of Information

Technology (IIIT) at Bhubaneswar in view of the vast growth potential in IT sector:

- (b) whether the State Government has sent a detailed project in the matter to the Centre; and
- (c) if so, the status thereof and the time frame within which the approval would be accorded and conveyed to the State, especially when no reputed institute like NIS, IIT and IIM has been established in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Orissa has requested to establish an Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Bhubaneswar. This Ministry is considering setting up of new IIITs in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan. The proposal of the Government of Orissa will be given due consideration at the time of the finalization of the location of the Institutes.

Mandatory accreditation of universities and colleges

1189. DR. PRABHATHAKUR: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government consider making accreditation mandatory for universities and colleges, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government would consider linking annual grants to a university with its accreditation score;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government would also consider giving functional and financial autonomy to the universities with higher accreditation score; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has been set up under Section 12 CCC of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 for